Central Secretariat Service under central staffing scheme

1960. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Staffing Scheme envisages selection of Officers from various services to man senior ad ministrative posts at the Centre;

(b) whether the CSS is one of the participating serivces under the Central Staffing Scheme; and

(c) whether the posts of Under Secret ary remain outside the purview of the Central Staffing Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUB-RAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. Appointments to all posts of the rank of Under Secretary and above in the Government of India are filled under the provisions of the Central Staff-fing Scheme, by borrowing officers from All India Services, Central Services Group 'A' and Central Secretariat Service.

Working group for openness and transparency in economic reforms

1961. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Working Group on the Right to Information and Promotion of Open and Transparent Government in implementation of economic reforms and liberalisation in economy; and

(b) if so, its composition and terms of reference and which are the areas beyond scrutiny of the Group?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUB-RAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) Government have set up a Working Group on Right to Information and Promotion of open and transparent Govemment. A copy of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions O.M. No. 34011/l(SV97-Estt(B) dated 2nd January, 1997 indicating the composition and terms of reference of the Group is laid on the Table of the House as per Statement.

Statement

Composition of working group on right to information and promotion of open transparent Government

No. 34011/l(S)97-Estt.(B)
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, P.G. & Pensions
Department of Personnel & Training

New Delhi, dated 2nd Jan. 1997

OFICE MEMORANDUM

SuBJECT:Setting up of a Working Group on Right to Information and promotion of open and tranparent Government.

There is widespread agreement on the need for a clean and responsive administration based on the principles of accountability, openness, decentralisation and citizen orientation. In the context of the National Debate on Effective and Responsive Administration initiated by the Government of India, it has been decided to formulate specific measures for the introduction of greater transparency in the functioning of Government and public bodies, with reference to both their own employees, and interaction with members of public. It is also considered necessary to ensure widespread and easy access of citizens to all information relating to operations of Government and